



Miss North Carolina USA Dethroned Amid Controversy

Description

Miss North Carolina USA has lost her title due to a recent controversy that prompted action from pageant organisers. Brittany Boltinhouse, hailing from Duplin County, had been crowned after winning the Miss Wilmington competition. She was set to compete at the 75th annual Miss USA pageant on 27 August, but the runner-up, Myla Hadley, will now take her place.

The pageant organisers did not specify the exact reasons behind Boltinhouse's disqualification. A Blaize Productions representative stated that the decision followed a "thorough review of recently surfaced information."

The organisation has asked supporters and the public to show kindness to both Boltinhouse and Hadley during this difficult transition. They emphasised their commitment to treating all involved with dignity and their mission to empower future generations of women leaders.

Thom Brodeur, the chairman of Miss USA, addressed the situation, stressing that the organisation does not tolerate racism, homophobia, or any form of language that undermines dignity. He explained that a title represents a position of trust, and when standards are breached, the title cannot remain unchanged.

Brodeur further noted that while the organisation maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding conduct, accountability should not strip individuals of their humanity. He highlighted the human aspects of this situation, acknowledging the public judgement faced by Boltinhouse.

He stated that Boltinhouse would soon issue her own statement, providing her perspective on the matter. Meanwhile, Myla Hadley expressed gratitude for the support she has received as she prepares for the Miss USA pageant, stating her readiness to represent North Carolina.

Vocabulary List:

1. **controversy** //ˈkɒntrəˌvɜːrsi// (noun): disagreement or argument among many people
2. **disqualification** //ˌdɪskwəlɪfɪˈkeɪʃən// (noun): when someone is officially not allowed to continue
3. **dignity** //ˈdɪɡnəti// (noun): respect and value for a person
4. **racism** //ˈreɪsɪzəm// (noun): treating people badly because of race
5. **homophobia** //ˌhɒməˈfəʊbiə// (noun): fear or dislike of gay people
6. **accountability** //əˌkaʊntəˈbɪləti// (noun): being responsible for actions and consequences

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What title did Brittany Boltinhouse hold before losing it?
Option: Miss North Carolina USA
Option: Miss Wilmington
Option: Miss USA
Option: Miss Duplin County
2. Who will be competing at the 75th annual Miss USA pageant in place of Boltinhouse?
Option: Brittany Boltinhouse
Option: Myla Hadley
Option: Thom Brodeur
Option: Blaize Productions
3. What reason did the pageant organisers give for Boltinhouse's disqualification?
Option: Disrespectful behavior
Option: Poor performance
Option: Recently surfaced information
Option: Health issues
4. Who is the chairman of Miss USA?
Option: Brittany Boltinhouse
Option: Myla Hadley
Option: Thom Brodeur
Option: Blaize Productions
5. What does the Miss USA organisation not tolerate?
Option: Kindness
Option: Disqualification
Option: Racism and homophobia
Option: Public judgement
6. When was the 75th annual Miss USA pageant scheduled?
Option: 25 June
Option: 27 August
Option: 15 September
Option: 30 October



True-False

7. Brittany Boltinhouse won the Miss Wilmington competition before being crowned Miss North Carolina USA.
8. Myla Hadley was not affected by Boltinhouse's disqualification.
9. The pageant organisers specified the reasons for Boltinhouse's disqualification.
10. Thom Brodeur stated that a title represents a position of trust.
11. The organisation has a strict kindness policy for its participants.
12. Myla Hadley expressed readiness to represent North Carolina in the Miss USA pageant.

Gap-Fill

13. Miss North Carolina USA has lost her title due to a recent controversy that prompted action from pageant organisers, leading to the runner-up, Myla Hadley, taking _____.
14. The organisation emphasised their commitment to treating all involved with _____.
15. Thom Brodeur addressed the situation, stating that the organisation does not tolerate _____.
16. Boltinghouse is set to issue her own _____ providing her perspective on the matter.
17. The decision regarding Boltinhouse's disqualification followed a thorough _____ of recently surfaced information.
18. The organisation's mission is to empower future generations of women _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Miss North Carolina USA 2. Myla Hadley 3. Recently surfaced information 4. Thom Brodeur 5. Racism and homophobia 6. 27 August

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. her place



14. dignity 15. racism 16. statement 17. review 18. leaders

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is often sparked by differing opinions on social issues?
Option: Approval
Option: Controversy
Option: Agreement
Option: Consensus
2. What is a penalty that can occur due to rule violations in sports?
Option: Disqualification
Option: Suspension
Option: Warning
Option: Elimination
3. Which term describes the state of being worthy of honor or respect?
Option: Integrity
Option: Dignity
Option: Humility
Option: Pride
4. What is the belief that one race is superior to another?
Option: Racism
Option: Xenophobia
Option: Prejudice
Option: Discrimination
5. What is the aversion to or discrimination against homosexuals?
Option: Biphobia
Option: Homophobia
Option: Transphobia
Option: Sexism
6. What is the obligation to explain, justify, and take responsibility for one's actions?



- Option: Responsibility
- Option: Accountability
- Option: Transparency
- Option: Compliance

7. What term refers to the state of not being aware or awake?

- Option: Awake
- Option: Focused
- Option: Unconscious
- Option: Alert

8. What is a difficult or painful experience called?

- Option: Adventure
- Option: Ordeal
- Option: Journey
- Option: Escape

9. What word describes someone who is famous and respected?

- Option: Obscure
- Option: Renowned
- Option: Unknown
- Option: Anonymous

10. Who are the individuals or organizations having power or control?

- Option: Citizens
- Option: Authorities
- Option: Volunteers
- Option: Activists

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Many people seek a _____ connection with the universe.
12. The event turned _____ when unexpected guests arrived.
13. The concert created a magical _____ that captivated everyone.
14. The dinner was held in a small, _____ setting.
15. She _____ her character with great depth and emotion.



16. Diet and exercise are key factors in promoting _____.
17. He worked with a _____ who guided him throughout his career.
18. The witness _____ the suspect's presence at the scene.
19. She is _____ the opportunity to advance her career.
20. The family gathered to honor their _____ loved one.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. In a democratic society, accountability is essential for governance.
22. Racism remains a significant issue that communities are working to address.
23. Every individual deserves to be treated with dignity, regardless of their background.
24. During the accident, he was temporarily unconscious until help arrived.
25. Her ordeal during the storm made her stronger and more resilient.
26. She is renowned for her contributions to the field of science.
27. He faced disqualification from the tournament after violating the rules.
28. Homophobia can lead to significant mental health issues for affected individuals.
29. The scene was chaotic after the news of the surprise announcement broke.
30. The community organized a tribute to honor those who served.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Controversy 2. Disqualification 3. Dignity 4. Racism 5. Homophobia 6. Accountability 7. Unconscious 8. Ordeal 9. Renowned 10. Authorities

Gap-Fill: 11. spiritual 12. chaotic 13. atmosphere 14. intimate 15. portrayed 16. longevity 17. mentor 18. confirmed 19. seizing 20. deceased

Matching sentence: 1. accountability 2. racism 3. dignity 4. unconscious 5. ordeal 6. renowned 7. disqualification 8. homophobia 9. chaotic 10. tribute



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